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Small Business in BC Continues to Prosper

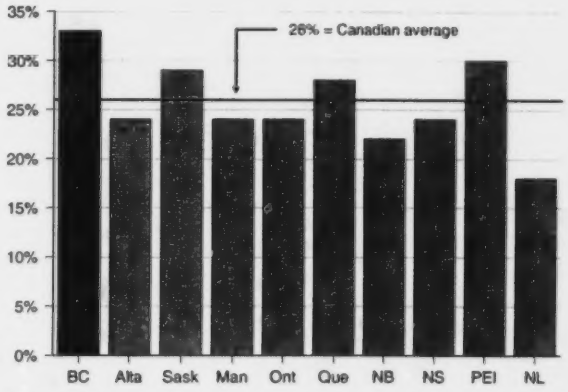
In view of recent buzz over the state of the economy and with the 2010 Olympics Games just around the corner, it is especially interesting to look at how small businesses fare in the province.[1] The small business sector remains a key instrument of job creation and economic sustainability in British Columbia. It is the primary source of private sector jobs in the province, reflecting an ongoing trend toward economic diversification. It is also a vital source of innovation—approximately 96% of high technology businesses in BC are small businesses.

A business is defined as a small business if it is either:

- **A business with fewer than 50 employees**
- **Operated by a self-employed person with no paid help**

In 2007, British Columbia's small business accounted for a third (33%) of provincial GDP, the highest of all provinces and well above the Canadian average (26%). This indicates that small business plays a more significant role in the provincial economy in British Columbia than it does in other parts of the country.

BC ranked first among provinces in terms of proportion of GDP generated by small business



Source: BC Stats

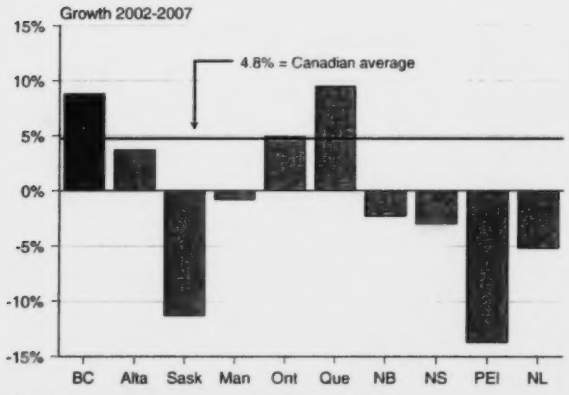
Small business continues to grow in BC

British Columbia recorded a total of 386,600 businesses in 2007, of which 98 per cent (379,700) were small businesses. Nearly 57 per cent of all businesses in the province were operated by self-employed people with no paid employees, while less than 55 per cent of all Canadian businesses were comprised of such individuals. In 2007, the total number of small businesses operating in British Columbia increased 2.4 per cent over the previous year. This marked the sixth consecutive year of growth and the largest increase since 2003. Small businesses with employees (+0.4 per cent) and businesses run by unincorporated self-employed individuals without paid help (+4.0 per cent) both grew in number.

[1] This article is a summary of a larger report: *Small Business Profile 2008*, which is available online at www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca

British Columbia has been a national leader in small business growth over the past five years. From 2002 to 2007, the number of small businesses in the province soared by 8.8 per cent, surpassing the Canadian growth average of 4.8 per cent and second only to Quebec, at 9.5 per cent. Ontario, with 4.9 per cent growth, was the only other province to exceed the national average while six provinces showed declines.

B.C. is the leader in small business growth



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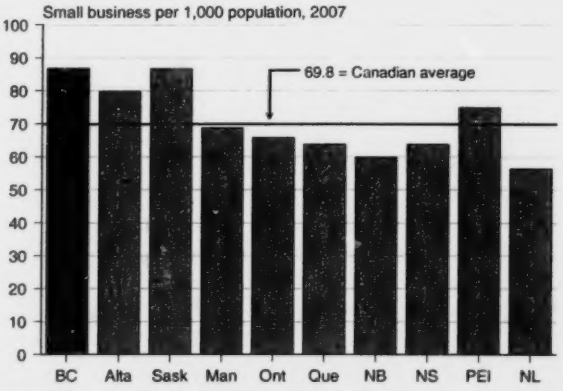
Small business is more prevalent in the West

On a per capita basis, small businesses are more common in Western Canada than in the rest of the country. After surpassing Alberta for the first time in 2005, the province held its second place rank in 2006. In 2007, British Columbia ranked first among the provinces with 86.7 small businesses per 1,000 people, edging out long-time leader Saskatchewan (86.6). British Columbia and Saskatchewan were followed by Alberta (79.7) in per capita small businesses last year and the only other province to exceed the Canadian average of 69.8 small businesses per 1,000 people was Prince Edward Island, at 74.8.

Western Canada generally has more small businesses per capita



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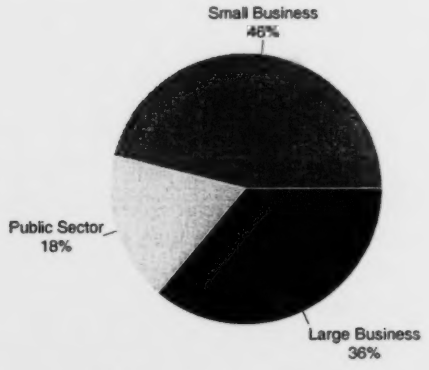
Nearly half of working people in BC work in small business

Small businesses in British Columbia are engaged in a range of activities — from "mom and pop" diners, to small lumber milling operations, to self-employed online marketing consultants. Most small businesses fall within the service sector with the largest concentration in the business services industry. Business services, which include occupations such as market researchers and lawyers, contains over 21 per cent of all British Columbian small businesses, followed by wholesale and retail trade with 11 per cent.

In 2007, approximately 1,048,000 jobs in British Columbia were in small businesses. This accounts for nearly half (46 per cent) of the province's total employment (2,266,300), which represents a slight decrease in the share of jobs derived from small business in 2006 (47 per cent). In 2007, British Columbia led the nation in terms of the percentage of total private sector jobs derived from small business. The rankings show British Columbia with just over 56 per cent private sector employment from small business, marginally ahead of Prince Edward

Island. Saskatchewan ranked third, at 55 per cent, followed by Newfoundland and Labrador, at 53 per cent. The national average across Canada was approximately 50 per cent with Ontario reporting the least dependence on small business for private sector employment, at 46 per cent.

Almost half the jobs in BC are in small business, 2007



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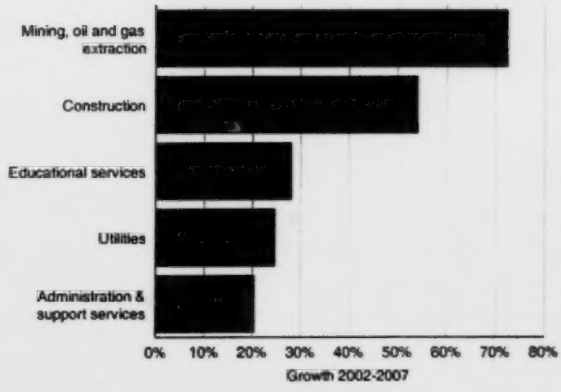
Between 2006 and 2007, small business employment in British Columbia rose 2.5 per cent, slightly above the Canadian average of 2.4 per cent. Nova Scotia reported the largest increase, at 3.9 per cent. The only other provinces with growth rates exceeding that of the nation as a whole were Alberta, at 3.5 per cent, Quebec, at 3.1 per cent and Ontario, at 2.5 per cent. The province's steady rise in construction of both housing and other projects in British Columbia, though tempered since 2005, continues to play a role in the growth in small business employment and is likely to continue during preparations for the 2010 Winter Games.

Construction maintains lead in job creation

With an impressive employment increase of 54.1 per cent, the construction industry was the largest provider of new small business jobs in British Columbia between 2002 and 2007. As a result of the recent building surge in the province, a whopping 29,630 new jobs were created in this industry over the five year period. The business services sector also added a substantial number of new jobs, increasing its employment by 14.9 per cent and creating nearly 13,000 new jobs. In terms of growth rates, the mining, oil and gas extraction industry recorded the most notable increase over this period with a 72.5 per cent surge in employment. Perhaps partly as a result of the intensified overseas demand for copper, zinc, aluminium, nickel and other nonferrous metals—particularly from China and India—approximately 1,805 new jobs were created in this industry over the five year period.

Small business employment—fastest growing industries, 2007



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Self employment continues to expand

In British Columbia's work force, the proportion of "self-employed" – individuals who spend most of their working hours running their own businesses – has remained strong and relatively stable over the past five years. Last year, self-employment accounted for 18.8 per cent of total employment, virtually unchanged from 2006. This was well above the national share of 15.5 per cent.

In 2007, the overall number of self-employed workers in British Columbia rebounded following a slight dip of -0.5 per cent in 2006. The drop was likely due to a tight economy and labour shortages that drew many self-employed workers into the employee workforce. However, from 2006 to 2007, self-employment growth in the province amounted to 2.8 per cent, or approximately 11,600 workers.

Last year, the number of self-employed without paid help was more than double that of self-employed with paid help. British Columbia's self-employment growth trend was strongest among the self-employed without employees, which increased 27.7 per cent between 1997 and 2007. This contrasts sharply with the slower growth trend in the number of self-employed with hired help, which grew 5.3 per cent during the past decade. The rapid growth in self-employed working alone is not a phenomenon unique to BC. Often, a small business begins with a sole proprietor, who typically runs the business from home and hires staff once the business expands.

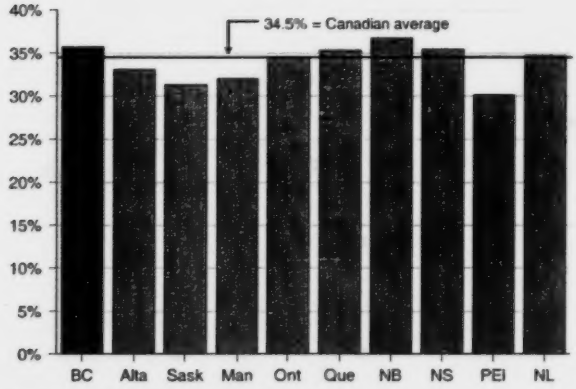
The self-employed have a different profile than employees

Self-employed people, on average, have a propensity to be older, are more often men, work longer hours and are less likely to be Aboriginal peoples compared to workers who are employees.

More than half (56 per cent) of the self-employed in BC are between the ages of 35 and 54 while 46 per cent of people in this age category work as paid employees. Younger people are more likely to be employees, rather than entrepreneurs. While 41 per cent of employees are under the age of 35, only 18 per cent of self-employed business owners fit this description. Conversely, 27 per cent of entrepreneurs are aged 55 and over, compared to only 13 per cent of employees.

While workers who are employees are equally likely to be men or women, those who are self-employed are more often men. Last year in British Columbia, almost two-thirds (64 per cent) of the self-employed were men. However, as in the rest of the country, women in British Columbia are making some important strides in terms of business ownership. Among the provinces, British Columbia is second only to New Brunswick (37 per cent) in terms of having the highest proportion of small business owners who are women. A little less than 36 per cent of all small businesses in British Columbia are owned and operated by women, compared to a Canadian average of less than 35 per cent.

Proportion of self-employed who are women, 2007



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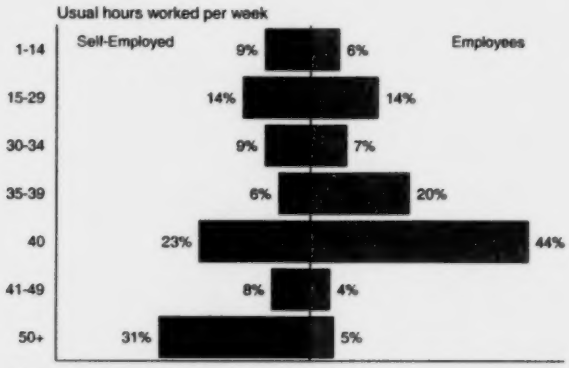
Aboriginal peoples living off-reserve remain significantly less likely to be self-employed than non-Aboriginals. Approximately 13.7 per cent of off-reserve Aboriginal peoples in British Columbia were self-employed last year, compared to 18.9 per cent of non-Aboriginal peoples.

There is also significant disparity between self-employed and employees in terms of the number of hours worked per week. On average, the self-employed have much longer work days than do employees. While the majority of employees work between 35 and 40 hours per week (64 per cent), just 29 per cent of the self-employed fit in this category. Conversely, thirty-one percent of self-employed people in British Columbia worked exceptionally long hours (over 49 hours per week) last year compared to only five per cent of employees.

Self-employed tend to work longer hours – British Columbia, 2007



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Regional small business growth in BC

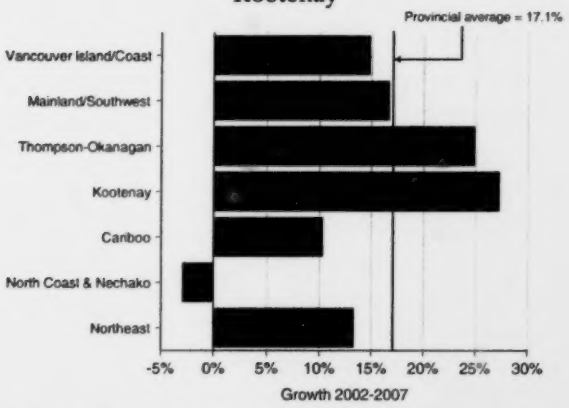
The Northeast region of the province has had strong economic growth in recent years, mainly as a result of activity in the oil and gas sector, and this has been reflected in rising numbers of small businesses and small business employment within the area.

The average annual growth rate for Northeast was 7.3 per cent between 2002 and 2007, translating to an average increase of 400 businesses per year. At 4.7 per cent growth, the Kootenay region was second in terms of average annual growth adding an impressive average of 600 net new small businesses per year. In terms of actual numbers, Mainland/Southwest (+1.5 per cent or 3,000 establishments) and Vancouver Island/Coast (+1.8 per cent or 1,100 establishments) added the most new businesses to the province.

Six of British Columbia's regions recorded substantial growth in self-employment between 2002 and 2007. The Kootenay region led the province recording a robust 27.3 per cent increase over the five-year period. However, this was just 2.4 percentage points higher than

the next fastest growing region, Thompson-Okanagan, at 24.9 per cent. The only region to record a decline was North Coast/Nechako, with 2.9 per cent fewer self-employed over the last five years.

Self-employment growth rate is highest in Kootenay



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Clearly, small business plays a crucial role in the economy of British Columbia, not only in terms of its contribution to economic output, but also by providing an abundance of jobs for British Columbians. As the provincial economy continues to diversify, the importance of small business will continue to grow.

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Notes

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Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted

Ave: average

bd ft: board feet

C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen

Can: Canada, Canadian

GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9

m3: cubic metres

mil: million

MLS: Multiple Listing Service

Moly: molybdenum

mth: month (as in: previous mth)

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

SA: seasonally adjusted

T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange

US: United States of America

WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Labour Force Activity					Earnings		Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits	
	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Wages and Salaries	Average Weekly Wage Rate	Number of Beneficiaries	$
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted (SA)				Unadjusted	SA	Unadjusted		
2004	2,221.9	2,062.7	7.2	65.5	32.3	69,606.6	686.74	737,780	960,359.7
2005	2,263.4	2,130.5	5.9	65.6	32.6	74,454.9	704.49	638,940	837,431.4
2006	2,305.1	2,195.5	4.8	65.7	32.5	81,623.0	726.02	532,520	723,659.5
2007	2,366.4	2,266.3	4.2	66.3	32.9	86,841.2	747.84	487,550	694,335.8
Jan-06	2,278.3	2,161.4	5.1	65.4	33.8	6,506.5	720.31	60,760	91,065.1
Feb-06	2,281.7	2,172.4	4.8	65.4	33.2	6,561.1	716.86	56,810	71,505.3
Mar-06	2,287.6	2,182.9	4.6	65.5	31.4	6,579.7	718.33	53,040	65,988.3
Apr-06	2,293.8	2,191.1	4.5	65.6	29.9	6,627.4	720.63	46,590	66,972.8
May-06	2,300.3	2,190.7	4.8	65.7	33.8	6,898.7	721.82	41,660	57,395.5
Jun-06	2,290.8	2,192.8	4.3	65.3	33.9	6,950.0	722.67	37,480	48,621.0
Jul-06	2,309.3	2,199.8	4.7	65.7	31.8	6,890.6	721.25	35,890	54,784.3
Aug-06	2,310.4	2,198.7	4.8	65.7	31.1	6,841.5	728.13	44,060	58,837.1
Sep-06	2,318.4	2,207.9	4.8	65.8	34.0	6,856.7	730.10	32,720	47,500.7
Oct-06	2,326.4	2,219.3	4.6	65.9	30.7	6,861.6	732.68	34,550	50,931.8
Nov-06	2,325.7	2,210.4	5.0	65.8	33.5	7,078.6	739.68	41,110	50,735.4
Dec-06	2,344.7	2,223.8	5.2	66.3	33.4	6,970.6	739.16	47,850	59,322.3
Jan-07	2,352.1	2,251.8	4.3	66.4	33.2	7,028.6	743.37	53,800	85,957.3
Feb-07	2,345.8	2,251.1	4.0	66.1	33.2	7,058.7	743.33	50,290	66,382.3
Mar-07	2,355.1	2,262.7	3.9	66.3	33.0	7,103.9	743.18	45,890	60,486.6
Apr-07	2,353.6	2,247.1	4.5	66.2	34.0	7,131.1	748.06	41,300	65,779.4
May-07	2,362.8	2,261.7	4.3	66.3	33.8	7,191.8	741.59	37,330	52,170.1
Jun-07	2,365.5	2,260.9	4.4	66.3	33.8	7,263.7	740.27	33,430	44,609.7
Jul-07	2,356.9	2,259.0	4.2	66.0	32.0	7,277.1	744.19	38,900	51,487.0
Aug-07	2,361.4	2,267.1	4.0	66.0	31.3	7,222.1	756.53	41,380	54,464.2
Sep-07	2,373.8	2,270.0	4.4	66.2	33.7	7,272.6	754.74	30,240	52,048.2
Oct-07	2,379.4	2,275.5	4.4	66.3	30.7	7,345.9	748.87	32,320	43,968.1
Nov-07	2,399.2	2,298.8	4.2	66.7	32.9	7,447.3	753.78	38,290	48,969.4
Dec-07	2,393.5	2,292.9	4.2	66.4	33.5	7,498.5	755.66	44,380	68,013.6
Jan-08	2,402.9	2,305.2	4.1	66.6	33.0	7,534.4	771.68	52,650	76,914.9
Feb-08	2,402.5	2,303.2	4.1	66.5	32.9	7,567.5	766.55	51,520	71,358.9
Mar-08	2,422.2	2,317.9	4.3	66.9	32.8	7,597.1	761.02	46,920	79,137.2
Apr-08	2,429.4	2,324.3	4.3	67.0	33.3	7,621.5	772.40	43,950	63,446.3
May-08	2,425.7	2,317.4	4.5	66.8	33.2	7,655.8	777.77	40,630	57,967.1
Jun-08	2,431.9	2,321.8	4.5	66.8	33.8	7,661.9	782.92	36,880	63,590.5
Jul-08	2,432.1	2,324.6	4.4	66.7	31.8	-	788.11	42,940	54,026.3
Aug-08	2,429.3	2,325.1	4.3	66.5	31.5	-	777.68	45,930	64,196.5
Sep-08	2,431.1	2,319.4	4.6	66.4	33.4	-	790.43	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,423.0	a 2,317.7	a 4.3	a 66.7	a 32.9	t 45,638.1	a 776.51	a 45,178	t 530.6
% change	2.7	2.6	n/a	n/a	-0.8	6.7	4.1	5.6	10.2
Last 12 months	2,414.9	2,310.5	4.3	66.6	32.7	89,701.4	770.57	42,221	743,637.1
Previous 12	2,352.0	2,248.7	4.4	66.2	33.0	84,277.4	743.90	41,546	689,826.6
% change	2.7	2.7	n/a	n/a	-0.7	6.4	3.6	1.6	7.8
% ch. year ago	2.4	2.2	n/a	n/a	-0.9	5.5	4.7	11.0	17.9
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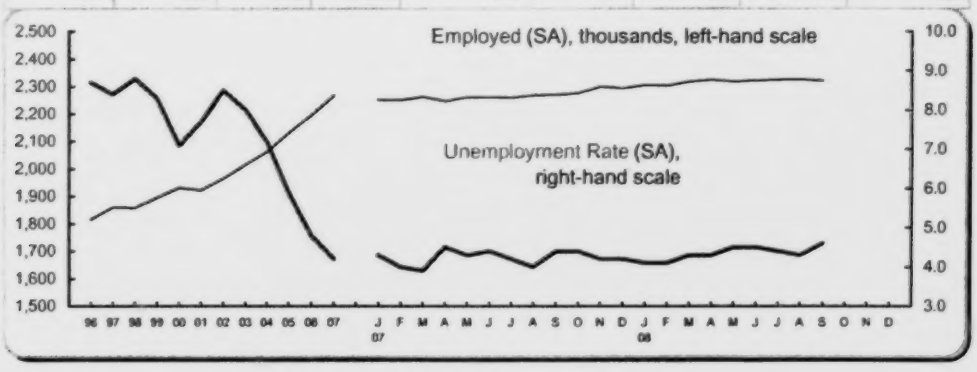

2 Employment by Industry – Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001
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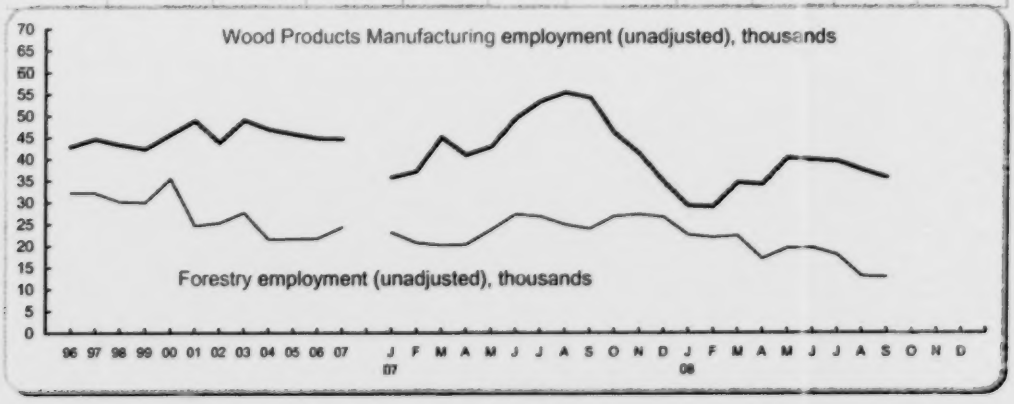
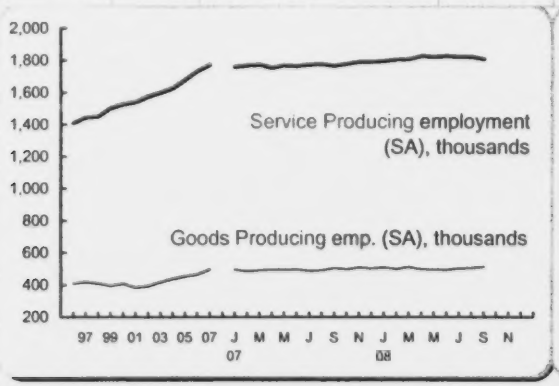
	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
2004	436.9	36.9	21.5	2.9	11.1	9.2	144.0	25.6	46.9	12.0	211.2
2005	452.7	38.7	21.6	2.1	13.8	10.3	168.0	26.4	45.8	12.3	198.2
2006	463.9	34.7	21.7	2.7	19.4	8.6	179.3	19.5	44.8	15.1	197.5
2007	495.7	36.2	24.3	2.9	20.0	10.3	196.9	23.0	44.7	15.2	205.1
Jan-06	441.0	34.1	16.1	3.5	17.3	8.6	168.0	15.7	45.6	12.2	191.4
Feb-06	460.3	35.7	18.8	3.5	15.4	8.0	175.0	19.5	46.0	12.8	202.7
Mar-06	463.9	36.6	20.3	2.6	14.9	7.2	177.5	18.7	50.4	12.2	202.0
Apr-06	458.6	36.2	15.8	2.5	16.2	6.6	177.2	22.3	47.7	14.4	199.6
May-06	460.0	35.2	19.6	2.8	18.2	8.1	174.6	21.5	48.6	18.4	201.5
Jun-06	451.4	32.4	24.3	3.8	17.6	8.8	175.7	17.6	41.8	17.8	192.5
Jul-06	467.3	34.5	25.0	2.8	18.0	9.2	184.7	17.1	45.5	15.2	195.8
Aug-06	463.3	33.8	24.7	3.7	20.8	9.0	183.6	17.4	45.7	16.3	191.6
Sep-06	467.1	34.0	23.6	1.8	23.6	8.9	183.9	20.7	40.1	17.8	192.0
Oct-06	470.2	33.2	23.3	2.4	24.4	10.0	183.2	21.3	39.7	14.6	196.6
Nov-06	479.5	35.4	25.8	-	24.4	9.8	182.3	19.7	43.0	15.2	198.8
Dec-06	484.0	35.9	23.3	1.6	21.4	9.3	185.5	22.3	44.1	13.7	205.8
Jan-07	494.7	35.2	23.1	1.7	24.0	7.9	193.7	21.3	35.8	14.3	207.0
Feb-07	485.0	35.5	20.7	-	23.9	9.3	187.0	20.3	37.2	15.9	205.8
Mar-07	491.5	33.6	20.2	1.9	20.0	8.2	191.5	22.4	45.1	16.7	212.7
Apr-07	494.7	32.2	20.3	4.0	18.7	8.7	194.2	25.1	41.0	16.5	211.2
May-07	495.1	35.2	23.7	3.0	18.7	8.2	200.8	25.3	42.9	17.9	205.2
Jun-07	496.8	35.1	27.3	1.8	21.0	9.3	197.7	22.4	49.4	14.5	208.8
Jul-07	487.5	36.0	26.8	2.2	19.8	11.8	188.2	21.6	53.3	16.3	205.2
Aug-07	491.2	34.4	25.0	6.1	19.7	11.4	197.2	22.1	55.4	16.4	201.3
Sep-07	504.5	38.3	24.0	3.5	18.5	10.6	200.7	24.5	54.2	14.4	209.4
Oct-07	498.5	40.7	26.9	3.2	19.7	12.7	194.7	23.0	46.1	12.3	203.4
Nov-07	508.2	39.8	27.3	2.6	16.7	12.5	206.7	23.8	41.3	13.8	201.2
Dec-07	503.5	39.7	26.7	3.1	19.4	13.2	210.0	23.9	34.9	13.7	190.2
Jan-08	509.3	43.2	22.6	3.2	20.2	14.6	209.8	26.3	29.3	19.4	193.9
Feb-08	499.2	38.4	22.0	3.1	19.9	14.4	214.5	24.1	29.1	15.5	185.2
Mar-08	511.5	38.7	22.4	2.5	18.5	15.7	219.4	28.0	34.7	16.5	190.8
Apr-08	498.0	35.7	17.1	1.8	24.9	13.2	217.7	19.2	34.3	14.1	182.3
May-08	496.5	29.5	19.5	1.8	24.0	12.8	221.1	20.6	40.4	11.1	187.0
Jun-08	495.2	32.7	19.6	1.6	25.0	13.4	216.4	21.2	39.9	10.9	189.4
Jul-08	503.7	31.9	18.0	-	27.5	14.6	221.7	26.7	39.6	11.3	191.0
Aug-08	505.3	34.2	13.1	2.5	28.8	15.3	227.2	23.5	37.6	11.3	187.1
Sep-08	512.4	32.3	12.8	2.1	29.9	14.5	235.3	23.9	35.8	11.1	186.4
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 503.5	a 35.2	a 18.6	a 2.1	a 24.3	a 14.3	a 220.3	a 23.7	a 35.6	a 13.5	a 188.1
% change	2.0	0.3	-20.8	-23.1	18.7	50.5	13.3	4.1	-22.6	-15.2	-9.3
Last 12 months	503.4	36.4	20.7	2.3	22.9	13.9	216.2	23.7	36.9	13.4	190.7
Previous 12	489.6	35.0	23.6	2.4	21.2	9.5	191.8	22.4	45.1	15.5	205.7
% change	2.8	4.0	-12.5	-2.5	7.9	45.8	12.7	5.9	-18.1	-13.6	
% ch. year ago	1.6	-15.7	-46.7	-40.0	61.6	36.8	17.2	-2.4	-33.9	-22.9	-11.0
% ch prev mnth	1.4	-5.6	-2.3	-16.0	3.8	-5.2	3.6	1.7	-4.8	-1.8	-0.4

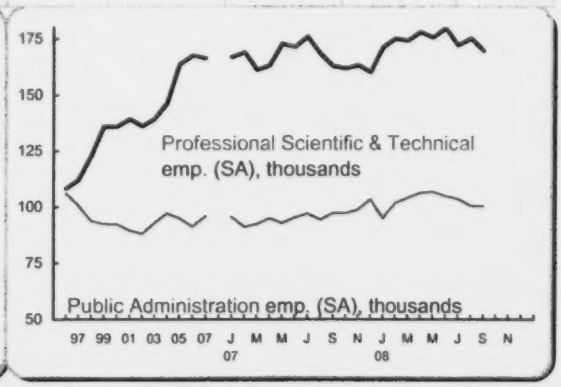


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
2004	1,625.8	315.8	116.5	129.2	146.3	135.9	219.2	114.8	175.3	97.2
2005	1,677.8	334.6	118.7	132.9	163.6	146.1	217.4	112.1	175.8	95.1
2006	1,731.6	353.7	119.5	138.0	167.6	156.0	232.2	113.2	170.5	91.3
2007	1,770.6	365.0	125.6	145.0	166.3	156.1	117.8	117.8	172.7	95.9
Jan-06	1,720.4	355.2	124.2	128.0	166.5	154.9	210.6	123.0	176.6	95.9
Feb-06	1,712.0	361.3	126.6	129.4	171.6	150.7	213.2	112.2	173.9	93.6
Mar-06	1,719.0	359.9	123.7	132.7	166.1	152.1	224.3	117.4	162.9	93.8
Apr-06	1,732.5	366.8	123.5	129.5	171.4	152.7	224.1	118.9	168.6	93.4
May-06	1,730.7	361.3	120.5	132.3	168.0	151.4	237.3	115.1	168.9	91.9
Jun-06	1,741.4	368.7	121.0	136.4	161.3	155.4	243.7	115.5	167.2	86.4
Jul-06	1,732.4	342.8	111.6	141.7	162.3	162.0	245.4	114.4	167.7	93.8
Aug-06	1,735.4	344.2	115.8	145.1	174.0	157.2	242.1	108.0	169.1	83.3
Sep-06	1,740.9	349.8	116.7	141.1	170.3	157.3	238.1	110.5	172.0	86.9
Oct-06	1,749.1	344.8	116.2	143.4	170.5	159.1	238.9	112.6	175.2	91.1
Nov-06	1,730.8	346.2	116.0	148.8	164.6	159.3	229.1	106.0	172.2	95.9
Dec-06	1,739.7	345.0	119.6	147.7	164.5	161.9	239.2	105.8	171.6	89.9
Jan-07	1,757.1	355.9	121.3	137.6	166.8	157.4	233.9	114.2	178.6	95.6
Feb-07	1,766.1	359.4	131.0	139.9	168.9	158.8	243.2	116.6	172.3	91.2
Mar-07	1,771.2	357.1	125.0	149.2	161.1	161.8	248.5	122.7	173.0	92.5
Apr-07	1,752.4	352.8	124.4	145.2	163.0	157.6	241.6	121.9	167.6	95.0
May-07	1,766.6	363.5	125.0	149.4	172.7	158.5	234.4	121.8	169.6	92.8
Jun-07	1,764.0	367.5	123.5	148.0	171.3	151.8	242.0	112.6	173.8	95.4
Jul-07	1,771.5	374.2	124.7	150.0	175.9	142.8	239.1	113.0	169.8	97.1
Aug-07	1,776.0	377.0	124.0	149.2	168.2	143.9	235.3	117.6	182.4	94.4
Sep-07	1,765.6	365.1	121.3	143.8	162.7	159.5	236.5	114.7	172.3	97.4
Oct-07	1,777.1	372.7	123.8	142.6	161.8	158.3	243.7	114.4	171.4	97.3
Nov-07	1,790.6	369.5	129.1	142.7	163.2	159.6	241.9	121.4	171.6	98.9
Dec-07	1,789.4	365.7	136.0	141.9	160.1	159.4	235.9	123.7	169.2	103.5
Jan-08	1,795.9	355.9	129.1	145.1	171.2	166.7	246.3	116.9	168.1	95.1
Feb-08	1,804.0	359.9	128.4	147.9	175.0	156.7	240.9	122.4	176.8	101.8
Mar-08	1,806.3	364.4	130.2	134.1	174.1	154.8	240.6	118.0	178.9	104.1
Apr-08	1,826.3	363.8	133.4	142.2	177.9	162.0	233.1	120.0	184.8	106.3
May-08	1,820.9	350.3	126.4	150.8	175.5	164.6	239.5	122.6	185.1	106.8
Jun-08	1,826.7	358.3	131.7	144.9	179.6	168.8	244.6	116.1	177.8	104.9
Jul-08	1,820.9	348.9	126.6	155.4	172.0	165.5	245.9	122.7	177.0	103.6
Aug-08	1,819.8	360.5	132.1	142.0	175.1	161.7	243.3	117.7	177.3	100.6
Sep-08	1,807.0	346.6	129.0	148.9	169.6	157.8	253.0	120.8	174.6	100.4
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,814.2	a 356.5	a 129.7	a 145.7	a 174.4	a 162.1	a 243.0	a 119.7	a 177.8	a 102.6
% change	2.8	-2.0	4.2	-0.1	3.9	4.8	1.5	2.1	2.6	8.5
Last 12 months	1,807.1	359.7	129.7	144.9	171.3	161.3	242.4	119.7	176.1	101.9
Previous 12	1,759.2	359.1	122.7	146.0	167.5	156.0	238.5	115.0	173.2	94.0
% change	2.7	0.2	5.7	-0.8	2.2	3.4	1.6	4.1	1.6	8.4
% ch. year ago	2.3	-5.1	6.3	3.5	4.2	-1.1	7.0	5.3	1.3	3.1
% ch prev mnth	-0.7	-3.9	-2.3	4.9	-3.1	-2.4	4.0	2.6	-1.5	-0.2

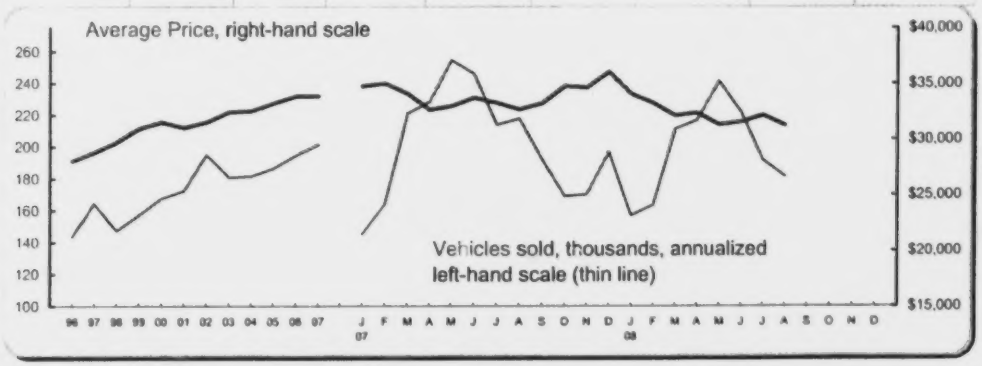




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries,
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

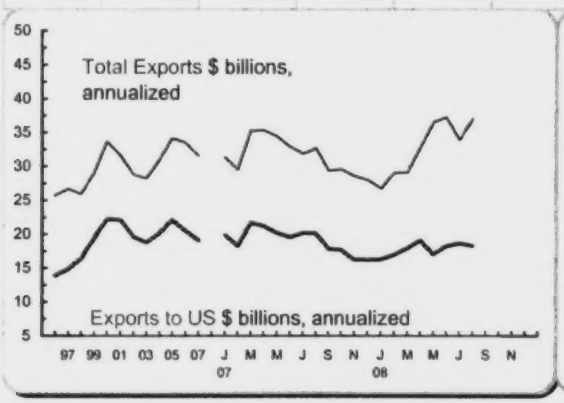
	Business				Consumer				
			Bankruptcies			Retail Sales, All Stores		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Wholesale Sales	Business Incorporations	Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada: Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	British Columbia	Vancouver, Metropolitan	Units	Value
	$ million	Number			(2002=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	SA	Unadjusted				SA	Unadjusted		
2004	42,364.8	25,428	922	8,378	104.2	47,216.6	22,243.6	181,605	5,907,610
2005	45,447.4	28,593	786	8,173	106.3	49,286.3	22,702.6	186,581	6,192,896
2006	49,328.3	30,667	587	7,021	108.1	52,837.1	24,110.2	194,648	6,587,723
2007	53,547.7	30,841	470	6,650	110.0	56,365.4	25,342.8	201,596	6,825,179
Jan-06	4,136.0	2,477	61	581	106.6	4,248.5	1,682.1	11,414	384,268
Feb-06	4,004.5	2,602	63	655	106.7	4,300.4	1,650.6	12,938	440,268
Mar-06	4,073.4	2,879	65	707	107.2	4,305.0	1,912.9	17,823	599,605
Apr-06	4,010.7	2,407	53	607	107.8	4,353.7	1,917.5	17,464	572,533
May-06	4,072.5	2,862	58	632	108.7	4,414.5	2,135.8	19,071	626,553
Jun-06	3,968.8	2,715	48	646	108.7	4,412.0	2,163.3	19,035	633,950
Jul-06	4,017.0	2,364	37	484	108.8	4,489.1	2,106.6	16,976	558,565
Aug-06	4,316.1	2,518	32	577	109.0	4,486.7	2,101.3	17,871	604,031
Sep-06	4,119.5	2,517	50	583	108.4	4,442.2	2,026.2	16,169	564,105
Oct-06	4,262.8	2,509	42	587	108.3	4,481.7	1,960.9	14,239	495,355
Nov-06	4,073.8	2,454	41	526	108.7	4,412.7	1,967.9	14,309	502,633
Dec-06	4,273.1	2,363	37	437	108.8	4,490.7	2,485.2	17,339	605,857
Jan-07	4,409.4	2,527	50	551	109.0	4,561.3	1,814.4	12,108	420,705
Feb-07	4,454.2	2,520	33	609	109.1	4,593.6	1,767.0	13,650	477,403
Mar-07	4,472.2	2,683	35	636	109.5	4,635.2	2,055.8	18,424	627,915
Apr-07	4,391.1	2,398	42	574	109.9	4,665.0	2,037.5	19,038	621,335
May-07	4,394.1	2,887	42	606	110.5	4,700.2	2,254.9	21,207	698,385
Jun-07	4,554.2	2,821	44	553	110.3	4,709.0	2,231.8	20,505	690,642
Jul-07	4,613.8	2,455	36	526	110.5	4,716.0	2,145.6	17,836	593,052
Aug-07	4,458.6	2,577	34	494	110.4	4,712.6	2,184.5	18,155	592,973
Sep-07	4,441.8	2,407	35	505	110.5	4,724.5	2,093.2	16,002	531,333
Oct-07	4,467.2	2,736	35	537	110.0	4,730.7	2,079.6	14,089	489,777
Nov-07	4,538.2	2,466	46	580	110.1	4,786.0	2,103.4	14,182	491,078
Dec-07	4,349.0	2,364	38	480	110.1	4,826.4	2,575.0	16,400	590,581
Jan-08	4,347.7	2,492	31	506	109.9	4,796.9	1,925.7	13,091	445,812
Feb-08	4,370.2	2,502	44	603	110.3	4,746.9	1,876.3	13,621	452,693
Mar-08	4,293.2	2,478	32	538	110.8	4,807.1	2,042.1	17,603	565,314
Apr-08	4,438.1	2,733	30	578	111.8	4,765.9	2,074.6	18,064	584,538
May-08	4,403.1	2,508	32	564	112.8	4,766.0	2,271.0	20,105	628,888
Jun-08	4,391.2	-	33	546	113.6	4,834.5	2,176.2	18,485	583,367
Jul-08	4,415.5	-	40	599	114.2	4,784.9	2,156.9	15,993	514,169
Aug-08	4,660.4	-	48	546	114.0	4,742.2	2,134.7	15,136	472,633
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	114.1	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 35,319.6	t 12,713	t 290	t 4,480	a 112.4	t 38,244.4	t 16,657.6	t 132,098	t 4,247,414
% change	-1.2	-2.3	-8.2	-1.5	2.2	2.6	1.0	-6.3	-10.1
Last 12 months	53,115.8	30,539	444	6,582	111.8	57,312.0	25,508.9	192,771	6,350,183
Previous 12	52,476.8	30,455	486	6,682	109.6	55,120.2	24,931.6	202,979	6,890,360
% change	1.2	0.3	-8.6	-1.5	2.0	4.0	2.3	-5.0	-7.8
% ch. year ago	4.5	-13.1	41.2	10.5	3.3	0.6	-2.3	-16.6	-20.3
% ch prev mnth	5.5	-8.2	20.0	-8.8	0.1	-0.9	-1.0	-5.4	-8.1

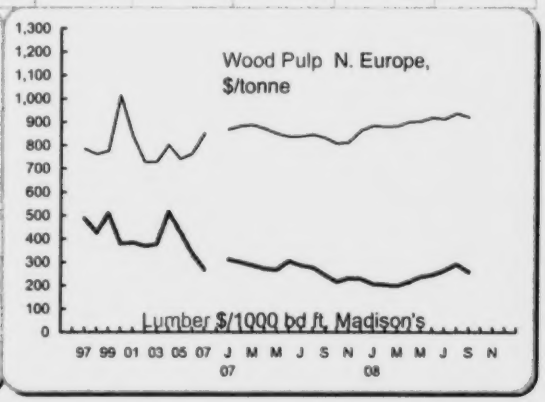


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to $C by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All	United		through	Lumber WSPF	Wood Pulp	Copper	Gold	Silver	Zinc	Crude
	Countries	States	Japan	BC ports	Madison's	N. Europe	London	London	London	London	Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
2004	31,007.8	20,137.4	3,805.1	32,885.0	514.74	801.46	1.68	531.61	8.64	0.61	53.73
2005	34,167.3	22,101.5	4,163.8	35,295.9	430.78	741.26	2.02	538.18	8.86	0.75	68.28
2006	33,468.2	20,518.7	4,706.8	38,891.4	336.67	764.05	3.46	685.14	13.12	1.69	74.94
2007	31,580.0	19,092.3	4,139.7	38,703.3	267.93	849.67	3.46	745.21	14.35	1.59	76.86
Jan-06	2,746.0	1,866.8	322.1	2,912.8	414.31	695.53	2.49	636.35	10.59	1.10	75.81
Feb-06	2,608.0	1,622.7	317.4	2,797.7	397.52	704.27	2.59	637.63	10.95	1.15	70.81
Mar-06	3,055.1	1,875.6	413.3	3,364.1	381.94	724.53	2.74	644.78	12.01	1.30	72.80
Apr-06	2,714.1	1,759.5	391.7	3,317.1	380.88	730.87	3.32	698.45	14.43	1.60	79.71
May-06	2,875.5	1,804.6	409.9	3,533.1	356.14	723.37	4.06	749.32	14.92	1.80	78.71
Jun-06	3,080.5	1,724.4	599.2	3,211.0	331.93	744.05	3.66	664.04	12.03	1.63	79.04
Jul-06	2,775.4	1,746.0	339.3	3,183.4	327.48	783.69	3.96	715.64	12.68	1.71	84.03
Aug-06	2,857.3	1,749.6	469.7	3,637.4	301.93	789.49	3.91	707.40	13.62	1.70	81.69
Sep-06	2,754.1	1,651.7	363.7	3,289.4	304.72	792.48	3.86	667.68	13.04	1.72	71.29
Oct-06	2,737.9	1,597.7	369.8	3,611.0	271.99	811.46	3.85	661.11	13.05	1.96	66.45
Nov-06	2,453.8	1,492.4	319.9	3,132.5	279.50	827.15	3.62	713.34	14.69	2.26	67.46
Dec-06	2,810.5	1,627.7	390.7	2,902.0	291.71	841.69	3.49	725.89	15.40	2.31	71.52
Jan-07	2,609.9	1,658.1	329.4	3,066.3	310.45	867.84	3.03	742.21	15.10	2.02	64.17
Feb-07	2,463.9	1,524.1	318.6	2,850.7	298.52	882.68	3.03	778.20	16.28	1.77	69.37
Mar-07	2,940.6	1,807.8	402.3	3,330.3	286.23	886.72	3.42	765.07	15.34	1.73	70.75
Apr-07	2,944.9	1,768.5	426.9	3,194.3	271.09	871.10	3.99	770.82	15.57	1.83	72.56
May-07	2,869.9	1,684.6	435.0	3,083.7	266.06	849.64	3.83	731.24	14.40	1.91	69.48
Jun-07	2,739.5	1,628.6	364.5	3,259.6	303.57	836.16	3.63	698.20	13.94	1.74	71.88
Jul-07	2,656.7	1,682.0	316.0	3,348.0	284.64	839.22	3.80	698.79	13.55	1.69	77.91
Aug-07	2,724.1	1,674.8	300.2	3,624.1	276.20	846.58	3.60	704.15	13.01	1.56	76.60
Sep-07	2,450.2	1,488.3	283.5	3,189.1	244.03	831.56	3.57	730.41	13.18	1.34	81.96
Oct-07	2,464.0	1,473.1	327.3	3,627.2	215.53	808.47	3.55	735.82	13.33	1.32	84.06
Nov-07	2,382.2	1,353.3	321.2	3,212.7	230.17	812.38	3.06	779.74	14.16	1.11	91.51
Dec-07	2,334.2	1,349.1	314.7	2,917.3	228.72	863.71	3.02	807.86	14.39	1.07	92.02
Jan-08	2,228.5	1,357.6	230.2	2,966.9	206.27	884.74	3.25	899.50	16.20	1.07	93.98
Feb-08	2,417.6	1,413.0	323.9	3,091.9	202.81	879.20	3.60	921.91	17.63	1.11	95.26
Mar-08	2,430.5	1,494.3	257.3	3,422.7	198.40	881.78	3.84	970.39	19.33	1.14	105.77
Apr-08	2,733.9	1,592.6	352.1	3,599.2	214.94	900.33	4.00	922.33	17.70	1.04	114.13
May-08	3,045.4	1,422.2	569.5	3,363.7	236.85	903.43	3.79	888.10	17.02	0.99	125.31
Jun-08	3,106.3	1,519.8	543.3	3,723.6	246.05	919.13	3.82	904.37	17.27	0.87	136.17
Jul-08	2,829.7	1,557.2	331.2	3,839.3	264.31	912.44	3.86	951.70	18.27	0.85	135.13
Aug-08	3,088.5	1,522.7	601.3	3,692.8	291.01	937.36	3.66	884.51	15.27	0.82	122.95
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	257.17	919.66	3.34	878.38	12.88	0.84	109.96
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 21,880.3	t 11,879.5	t 3,208.8	t 27,700.2	a 235.31	a 904.23	a 3.68	a 913.47	a 16.84	a 0.97	a 115.41
% change	-0.3	-11.5	10.9	7.5	-16.6	5.5	3.9	24.2	16.3	-44.0	58.7
Last 12 months	31,510.9	17,543.3	4,455.5	40,646.4	232.69	885.22	3.57	878.72	16.12	1.02	108.85
Previous 12	32,705.7	19,798.0	4,337.0	38,691.8	282.00	849.32	3.57	726.62	14.46	1.84	71.68
% change	-3.7	-11.4	2.7	5.1	-17.5	4.2	-0.2	20.9	11.5	-44.7	
% ch. year ago	13.4	-9.1	100.3	1.9	5.4	10.6	-6.4	20.3	-2.3	-37.3	34.2
% ch prev mnth	9.1	-2.2	81.5	-3.8	-11.6	-1.9	-8.7	-0.7	-15.7	2.4	-10.6

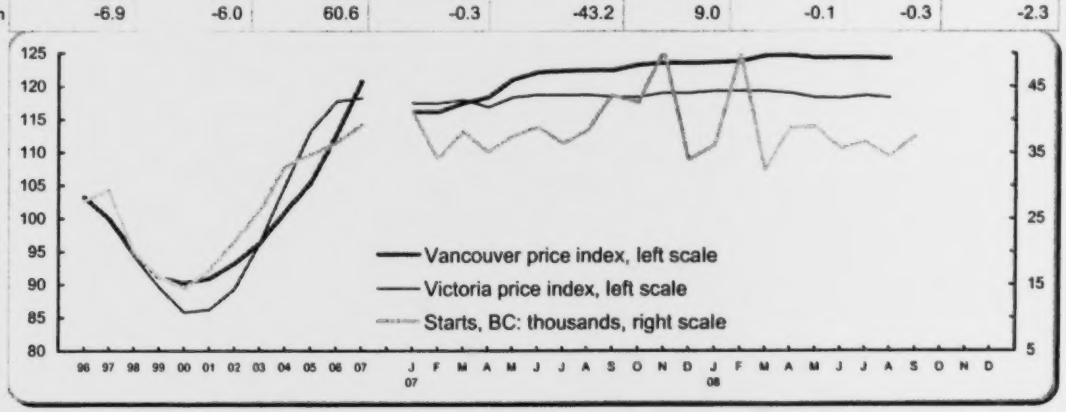




6 Construction and Housing

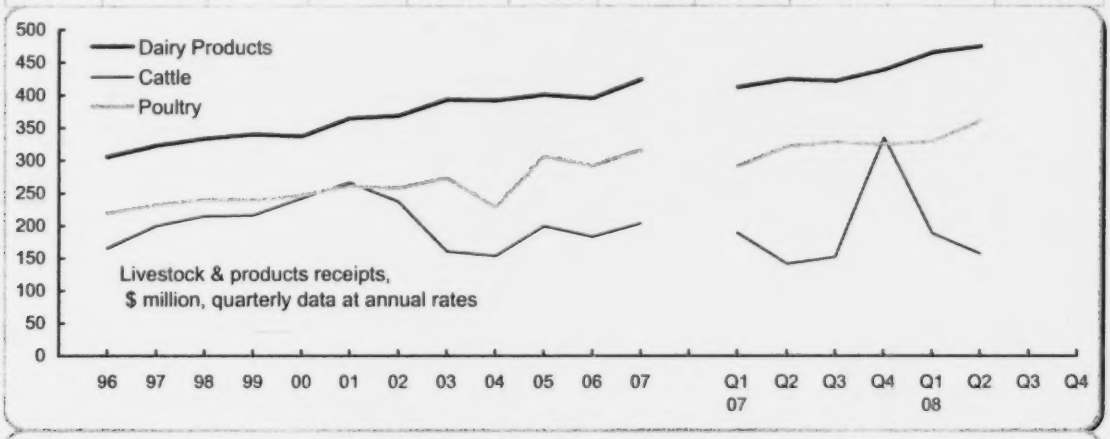
Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

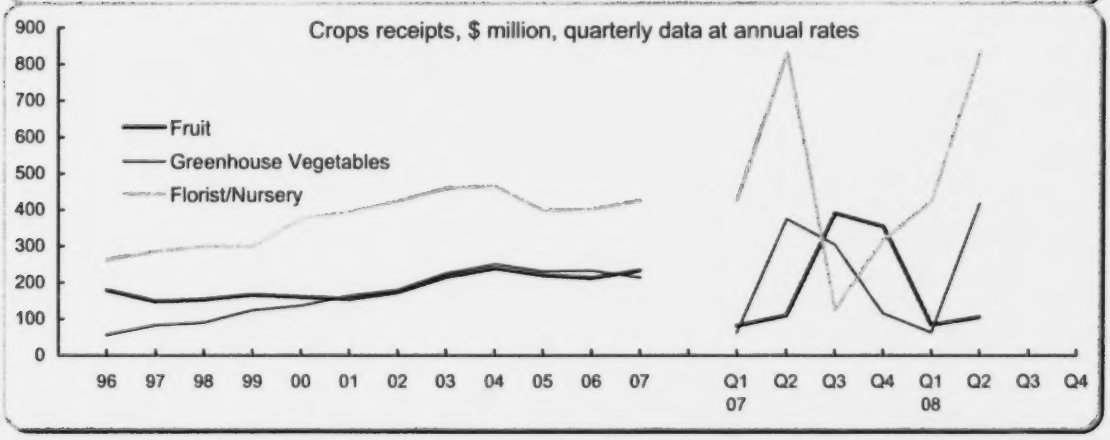
Period	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada) Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Housing Starts All Areas	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada) Vancouver,	Victoria	MLS® Average Sale Price
	$ thousand					Thousands	1997=100		$
	Seasonally Adjusted					SAAR	Unadjusted		
2004	7,938,727	5,868,937	328,050	1,228,027	513,713	32.9	101.0	105.1	288,967
2005	10,182,924	6,970,787	346,203	1,886,405	979,529	34.7	105.4	113.3	332,137
2006	11,541,532	7,620,696	358,843	2,493,684	1,068,309	36.4	112.7	117.7	390,963
2007	12,544,691	8,611,723	323,893	2,647,905	961,170	39.2	120.7	118.2	438,975
Jan-06	686,213	486,850	14,958	111,609	72,796	34.9	108.6	117.0	356,448
Feb-06	728,641	499,297	28,399	120,049	80,896	42.5	109.5	117.0	367,967
Mar-06	1,122,753	711,680	24,400	209,159	177,514	41.6	109.9	117.8	383,715
Apr-06	803,303	559,862	20,940	173,687	48,814	40.1	110.9	118.2	388,889
May-06	990,568	578,141	25,203	232,715	154,509	29.6	111.2	117.9	398,796
Jun-06	1,039,334	700,442	51,555	214,970	72,367	34.7	111.4	118.1	399,835
Jul-06	951,253	605,659	23,907	246,362	75,325	43.2	112.0	117.4	387,434
Aug-06	1,003,977	675,707	39,180	214,893	74,197	33.6	114.8	118.2	393,334
Sep-06	937,712	685,563	43,272	156,534	52,343	33.1	115.4	118.2	396,426
Oct-06	1,167,670	647,652	22,740	395,782	101,496	37.4	116.0	117.6	410,727
Nov-06	1,292,975	856,247	47,232	283,389	106,107	34.4	116.1	117.6	400,939
Dec-06	817,133	613,596	17,057	134,535	51,945	33.9	116.1	117.1	401,128
Jan-07	1,051,603	717,906	21,902	199,715	112,080	41.1	116.1	117.4	396,132
Feb-07	822,374	500,167	25,410	251,644	45,153	34.0	116.1	117.4	412,848
Mar-07	1,056,337	720,475	22,955	235,027	77,880	38.2	117.4	117.9	429,080
Apr-07	973,643	694,970	23,940	220,337	34,396	35.0	118.3	116.8	431,858
May-07	1,337,665	926,058	18,313	292,370	100,924	37.5	121.0	118.3	449,060
Jun-07	1,311,504	806,482	35,646	345,228	124,148	38.8	122.1	118.7	445,646
Jul-07	1,016,053	737,946	30,311	177,724	70,072	36.4	122.3	118.7	446,386
Aug-07	1,074,830	686,037	40,960	257,304	90,529	38.3	122.4	118.7	439,931
Sep-07	820,470	617,421	24,853	118,621	59,575	43.6	122.4	118.4	445,205
Oct-07	1,129,372	853,436	21,464	190,997	63,475	42.5	123.2	118.4	449,659
Nov-07	900,314	612,654	30,975	157,780	98,905	50.5	123.5	119.0	451,991
Dec-07	1,050,525	738,170	27,164	201,158	84,033	33.9	123.5	119.0	456,804
Jan-08	814,054	652,072	15,524	120,790	25,668	36.1	123.6	119.3	453,098
Feb-08	939,089	746,342	33,109	111,289	48,349	49.9	123.8	119.3	478,172
Mar-08	949,600	669,313	28,550	208,679	43,058	32.3	124.6	119.3	483,291
Apr-08	1,076,531	697,902	27,680	322,737	28,212	38.7	124.7	119.0	478,044
May-08	1,134,738	640,868	30,066	359,813	103,991	38.9	124.3	118.3	477,144
Jun-08	1,063,007	647,206	18,049	263,963	133,789	35.6	124.3	118.2	463,458
Jul-08	890,154	623,182	18,325	168,559	80,088	36.6	124.3	118.6	444,230
Aug-08	828,665	585,710	29,435	168,056	45,464	34.4	124.2	118.3	421,685
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	37.5	-	-	412,001
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 7,695,838	t 5,262,595	t 200,738	t 1,723,886	t 508,619	a 37.8	a 124.2	a 118.8	a 456,791
% change	-11.0	-9.1	-8.5	-12.9	-22.4	-0.8	4.0	0.7	5.5
Last 12 months	11,596,519	8,084,276	305,194	2,392,442	814,607	38.9	123.9	118.8	455,798
Previous 12	12,859,499	8,593,099	349,738	2,949,589	967,073	37.4	118.3	117.9	425,745
% change	-9.8	-5.9	-12.7	-18.9	-15.8	4.1	4.7	0.8	7.1
% ch. year ago	-22.9	-14.6	-28.1	-34.7	-49.8	-14.0	1.5	-0.3	-7.5
% ch prev mnth	-6.9	-6.0	60.6	-0.3	-43.2	9.0	-0.1	-0.3	-2.3



7 Agriculture

Period	Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)										
	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Greenhouse Vegetables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	Farm Cash Receipts
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
2004	391,731	153,473	228,146	240,151	1,013,501	239,330	251,117	465,246	246,311	1,202,004	2,403,057
2005	400,632	199,482	306,837	278,642	1,185,593	220,254	231,225	398,465	249,412	1,099,356	2,405,177
2006	395,346	182,972	291,724	267,534	1,137,576	212,475	232,800	401,656	221,475	1,068,406	2,311,128
2007	424,247	204,093	316,764	229,315	1,174,419	233,569	213,900	425,751	251,005	1,124,225	2,399,191
Q1-06	101,403	39,059	74,385	60,071	274,918	20,795	17,112	100,412	47,741	186,060	491,647
Q2-06	99,642	33,115	74,020	50,859	257,636	30,089	102,485	196,067	34,886	363,527	644,340
Q3-06	95,521	37,770	71,477	62,128	266,896	78,736	81,514	29,160	74,307	263,717	553,184
Q4-06	98,780	73,028	71,842	94,476	338,126	82,855	31,689	76,017	64,541	255,102	621,957
Q1-07	103,048	47,210	72,884	51,029	274,171	20,365	15,391	106,435	48,390	190,581	499,969
Q2-07	106,074	35,290	80,488	43,169	265,021	27,220	93,656	207,972	35,275	364,123	658,707
Q3-07	105,414	37,979	82,183	55,866	281,442	97,508	75,980	31,480	77,526	282,494	577,318
Q4-07	109,711	83,614	81,209	79,251	353,785	88,476	28,873	79,864	89,814	287,027	663,197
Q1-08	116,263	47,072	82,468	52,854	298,657	20,883	15,577	106,665	49,355	192,480	520,128
Q2-08	118,553	39,238	90,501	46,154	294,446	26,193	104,556	208,424	37,089	376,262	686,328
Q3-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 234,816	t 86,310	t 172,969	t 99,008	t 593,103	t 47,076	t 120,133	t 315,089	t 86,444	t 568,742	t 1,206,456
% change	12.3	4.6	12.8	5.1	10.0	-1.1	10.2	0.2	3.3	2.5	4.1
Last 4 quarters	449,941	207,903	336,361	234,125	1,228,330	233,060	224,986	426,433	253,784	1,138,263	2,446,971
Previous 4	403,423	193,298	296,691	250,802	1,144,214	209,176	222,250	419,584	222,513	1,073,523	2,333,817
% change	11.5	7.6	13.4	-6.6	7.4	11.4	1.2	1.6	14.1	6.0	4.8
% ch. year ago	11.8	11.2	12.4	6.9	11.1	-3.8	11.6	0.2	5.1	3.3	4.2
% ch. prev qtr	2.0	-16.6	9.7	-12.7	-1.4	25.4	571.2	95.4	-24.9	95.5	32.0

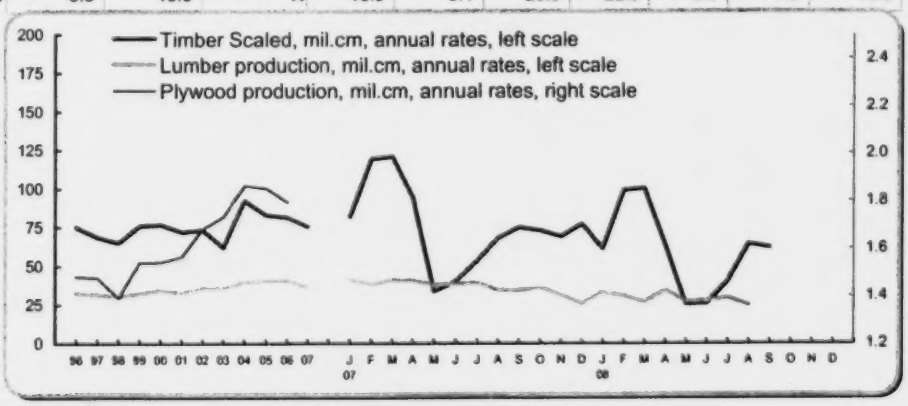




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

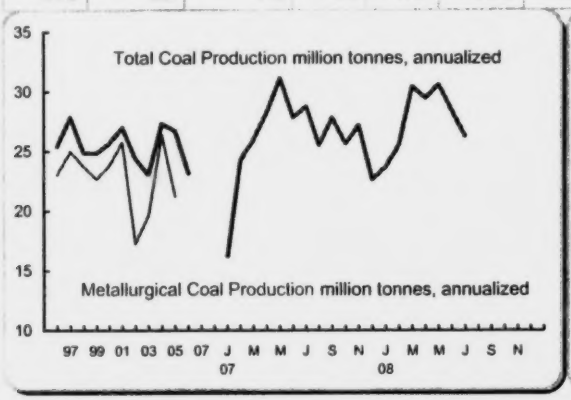
		Production					Shipments			
	Timber Scaled	Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
Period	Cubic metres (000s)		Cubic metres	Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
2004	92,361	39,879.3	1,863,057	1,144	1,843	2,987	4,724	1,135	1,841	7,698
2005	83,134	41,012.9	1,852,861	1,068	1,869	2,937	4,932	1,076	1,877	7,887
2006	81,526	41,050.7	1,794,769	1,058	1,941	2,999	4,736	1,059	1,960	7,756
2007	75,557	36,677.3	-	833	1,914	2,747	4,717	846	1,917	7,181
Jan-06	7,933	3,822.7	170,242	93	163	256	427	86	150	664
Feb-06	9,858	3,463.7	145,706	89	149	238	418	89	149	656
Mar-06	10,169	3,783.6	158,070	87	170	257	388	98	182	667
Apr-06	9,551	3,673.2	163,817	89	165	254	391	85	151	627
May-06	2,496	3,357.8	147,854	84	167	251	380	85	175	641
Jun-06	3,391	3,359.7	139,026	95	155	250	428	96	168	692
Jul-06	4,013	3,516.3	145,679	88	164	252	381	80	164	626
Aug-06	5,495	3,311.0	143,224	86	163	249	402	95	169	666
Sep-06	7,425	3,304.6	146,236	85	162	247	421	80	164	664
Oct-06	6,281	3,614.4	167,162	86	168	254	408	81	172	661
Nov-06	6,992	3,178.8	140,903	84	159	243	337	84	158	579
Dec-06	7,922	2,664.9	126,850	92	156	248	355	100	158	613
Jan-07	6,829	3,467.8	X	78	154	232	415	74	161	650
Feb-07	9,954	3,215.9	X	78	157	235	392	71	148	611
Mar-07	10,070	3,438.5	X	90	162	252	365	83	167	615
Apr-07	7,863	3,398.8	X	81	160	241	456	92	159	707
May-07	2,823	3,160.1	X	77	160	237	380	87	162	629
Jun-07	3,359	3,224.5	X	83	152	235	363	82	153	298
Jul-07	4,457	3,290.8	X	89	157	246	422	78	156	657
Aug-07	5,684	2,867.1	X	65	167	232	406	67	157	630
Sep-07	6,256	2,844.5	X	32	149	181	355	45	149	549
Oct-07	6,084	3,035.4	X	46	168	214	414	62	179	655
Nov-07	5,760	2,586.8	X	55	173	228	352	51	166	569
Dec-07	6,418	2,147.1	X	59	155	214	397	54	160	611
Jan-08	5,109	2,744.7	-	51	165	216	351	50	169	570
Feb-08	8,260	2,555.4	-	40	160	200	378	60	155	592
Mar-08	8,370	2,226.3	-	51	158	209	363	40	157	560
Apr-08	5,300	2,850.8	-	52	167	219	395	57	161	613
May-08	2,117	2,269.1	-	56	161	217	369	55	163	588
Jun-08	2,164	2,319.4	-	53	156	209	325	58	157	540
Jul-08	3,320	2,453.1	-	59	158	217	382	51	157	589
Aug-08	5,349	2,065.3	-	49	166	166	296	48	154	497
Sep-08	5,170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 45,159	t 19,484	X	t 411	t 1,291	t 1,653	t 2,859	t 419	t 1,273	t 4,549
% change	-21.2	-25.2	X	-35.9	1.7	-13.5	-10.6	-33.9	0.8	-5.2
Last 12 months	63,421	30,098	X	603	1,936	2,490	4,377	631	1,927	6,933
Previous 12	78,490	38,826	1,794,769	988	1,914	2,902	4,720	979	1,915	7,314
% change	-19.2	-22.5	X	-39.0	1.1	-14.2	-7.3	-35.5	0.6	-5.2
% ch. year ago	-17.4	-28.0	X	-24.6	-0.6	-28.4	-27.1	-28.4	-1.9	-21.1
% ch prev mnth	-3.3	-15.8	X	-16.9	5.1	-23.5	-22.5	-5.9	-1.9	-15.6

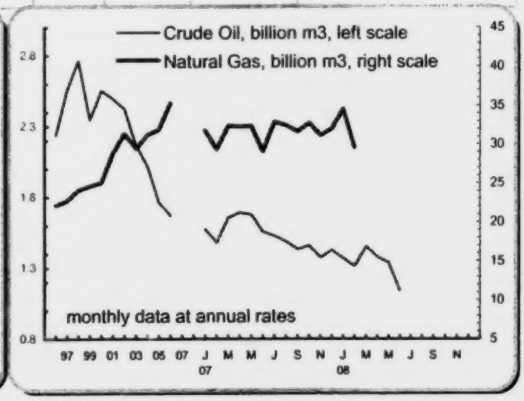


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Statistics Canada (total) & Min. of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

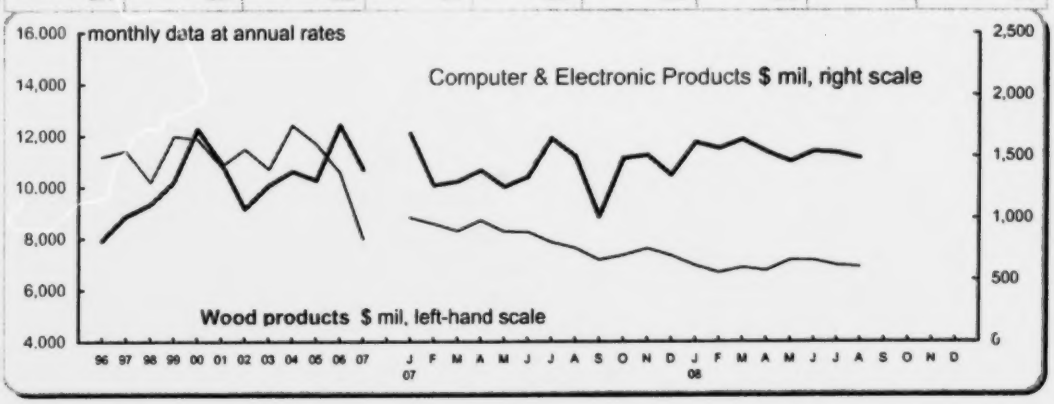
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
Period	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	MW.h
	Unadjusted											
2004	874.3	26,369.1	27,313.0	244.1	2.6	45.0	9.9	20.4	616.8	31,201.3	2,019.0	60,495,613
2005	643.0	21,223.4	26,718.0	289.4	3.7	49.2	7.7	16.7	451.0	31,892.8	1,765.7	67,811,173
2006	-	-	23,161.0	287.6	2.6	32.9	7.1	15.6	354.5	35,291.7	1,670.6	62,021,396
2007	-	-	25,941.0	255.0	2.6	30.4	12.3	12.3	255.8	31,658.2	1,529.2	72,216,986
Jan-06	-	-	2,002.0	21.4	0.3	4.6	0.7	0.9	25.6	2,910.1	140.6	5,521,862
Feb-06	-	-	1,806.0	20.1	-	-	0.7	1.4	45.1	2,654.9	129.4	5,159,023
Mar-06	-	-	2,033.0	25.4	0.4	6.0	0.7	1.7	32.8	2,914.8	138.2	5,314,787
Apr-06	-	-	1,816.0	23.1	-	-	0.6	1.2	22.4	2,938.5	140.0	4,635,925
May-06	-	-	1,818.0	23.3	0.6	5.1	0.6	1.4	37.2	3,218.9	151.9	4,630,200
Jun-06	-	-	1,966.0	24.3	0.1	2.8	0.6	1.4	28.1	3,014.3	141.2	4,645,240
Jul-06	-	-	2,109.0	25.8	0.4	3.0	0.6	1.2	26.9	2,618.0	140.9	5,627,631
Aug-06	-	-	1,723.0	24.3	0.0	0.4	0.5	1.1	22.0	3,086.3	146.2	5,051,712
Sep-06	-	-	1,809.0	24.3	0.2	5.0	0.5	1.6	38.8	2,932.0	137.7	4,318,313
Oct-06	-	-	2,143.0	24.2	0.0	0.4	0.5	1.4	22.4	3,038.1	134.8	4,890,371
Nov-06	-	-	2,104.0	23.4	0.2	4.6	0.5	1.3	20.6	2,807.0	130.6	5,782,157
Dec-06	-	-	1,832.0	27.8	0.3	0.9	0.6	1.3	33.6	3,158.8	139.1	6,444,175
Jan-07	-	-	1,352.0	22.1	0.4	4.7	0.7	0.9	17.3	2,648.4	131.3	6,521,268
Feb-07	-	-	2,022.0	21.8	0.0	0.3	0.5	1.1	29.3	2,447.2	123.5	6,008,106
Mar-07	-	-	2,168.0	23.4	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.3	20.3	2,695.1	138.0	5,831,800
Apr-07	-	-	2,357.0	23.4	0.2	4.3	0.5	1.1	32.9	2,689.9	141.1	5,457,848
May-07	-	-	2,593.0	23.0	0.0	0.7	0.6	1.1	28.6	2,695.1	139.9	5,573,385
Jun-07	-	-	2,320.0	21.4	0.6	6.1	0.5	1.2	13.4	2,424.6	129.7	5,399,418
Jul-07	-	-	2,396.0	18.8	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.8	13.3	2,737.2	127.4	6,422,034
Aug-07	-	-	2,125.0	20.6	0.2	3.9	0.5	1.1	21.3	2,702.9	123.9	6,357,503
Sep-07	-	-	2,318.0	19.9	0.1	3.6	0.6	1.2	20.8	2,634.1	119.4	5,125,738
Oct-07	-	-	2,137.0	20.1	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.9	19.2	2,723.8	121.5	6,077,131
Nov-07	-	-	2,266.0	19.4	0.5	4.7	0.6	0.9	22.8	2,593.6	114.7	6,223,613
Dec-07	-	-	1,887.0	20.2	0.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	16.5	2,666.3	118.8	7,219,142
Jan-08	-	-	1,974.0	14.6	0.4	4.4	0.6	0.7	14.5	2,874.4	114.1	6,866,053
Feb-08	-	-	2,126.0	14.7	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.8	10.0	2,461.2	109.6	5,965,291
Mar-08	-	-	2,535.0	18.0	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.0	18.4	-	121.0	5,589,678
Apr-08	-	-	2,454.0	18.5	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.8	12.1	-	114.9	5,100,102
May-08	-	-	2,550.0	18.5	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.7	14.5	-	111.5	4,690,108
Jun-08	-	-	2,366.0	17.8	0.6	6.1	0.6	0.8	9.5	-	95.1	4,357,076
Jul-08	-	-	2,187.0	18.4	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.7	7.7	-	-	5,619,782
Aug-08	-	-	-	17.6	0.2	3.9	0.6	0.5	7.6	-	-	-
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 643.0	t 21,223.4	t 16,192.0	t 138.1	t 1.6	t 16.8	t 4.8	t 5.9	t 94.3	t 5,335.6	t 666.2	t 38,188,090
% change	-14.1	-3.8	6.5	-20.9	-7.6	-20.0	6.7	-31.8	-46.5	4.7	-17.1	-7.3
Last 12 months	768.5	25,523.1	26,925.0	217.7	2.4	26.4	7.1	9.5	173.6	31,898.2	1,391.9	69,191,217
Previous 12	847.3	24,768.4	24,819.0	274.2	2.5	31.9	6.6	14.1	291.8	34,822.3	1,632.8	67,700,587
% change	-9.3	3.0	8.5	-20.6	-1.4	-17.2	7.3	-32.7	-40.5	-8.4		2.2
% ch. year ago	-3.7	-6.9	-8.7	-14.6	2.6	0.0	9.3	-58.2	-64.3	0.6	-26.7	-12.5
% ch prev mnth	41.5	8.2	-7.6	-4.3	900.0	550.0	-6.3	-29.2	-1.3	-14.4	-14.7	29.0





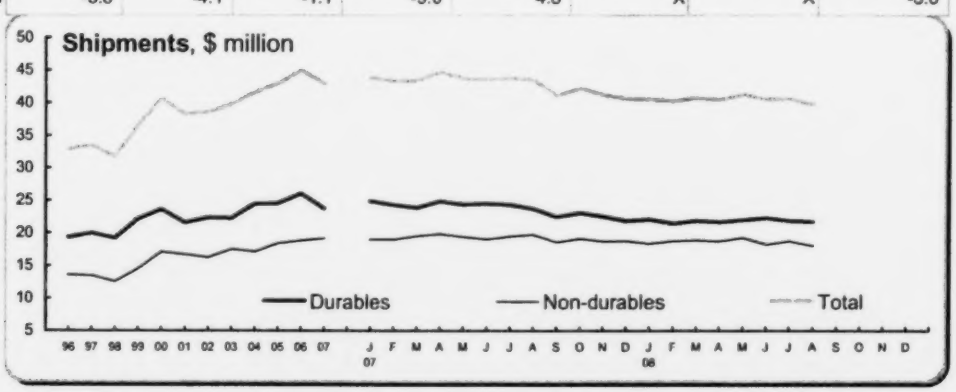
10 Manufacturing – Durables, NAICS based

	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
Period	Seasonally Adjusted								
2004	41,630,217	24,481,956	12,411,762	1,426,249	1,982,783	1,992,997	1,379,865	-	1,243,519
2005	42,983,806	24,577,385	11,677,614	1,595,002	2,231,032	2,204,474	1,307,112	-	-
2006	44,943,937	26,083,947	10,568,682	1,948,346	2,370,080	2,368,489	1,754,709	-	1,569,043
2007	42,929,478	23,746,843	7,993,220	2,010,817	2,609,431	2,352,829	1,392,839	-	1,530,082
Jan-06	3,919,478	2,317,453	1,062,688	164,836	213,048	206,025	131,831	X	123,217
Feb-06	3,803,771	2,223,540	978,589	159,836	208,099	213,593	137,112	X	121,723
Mar-06	3,781,000	2,197,744	952,173	156,363	214,630	195,050	139,664	X	130,748
Apr-06	3,684,371	2,195,427	932,916	163,510	180,381	215,646	139,792	X	134,719
May-06	3,688,040	2,151,295	885,067	165,282	187,710	203,694	146,942	X	120,938
Jun-06	3,744,325	2,149,186	869,616	167,411	180,945	196,869	167,826	X	128,452
Jul-06	3,652,910	2,135,225	831,653	169,615	198,723	186,867	146,857	X	128,530
Aug-06	3,719,828	2,123,017	825,943	165,170	193,258	179,805	143,127	X	134,627
Sep-06	3,738,379	2,148,797	839,413	161,310	194,249	193,299	145,562	X	133,508
Oct-06	3,764,435	2,163,661	821,465	166,423	199,542	189,269	151,349	X	136,816
Nov-06	3,671,193	2,121,369	796,625	142,413	191,661	193,600	150,501	X	133,627
Dec-06	3,776,208	2,157,235	772,533	166,177	207,835	194,771	154,147	X	142,138
Jan-07	3,659,349	2,075,906	734,985	169,738	190,056	208,738	140,562	X	139,784
Feb-07	3,610,198	2,028,539	714,760	173,803	206,127	197,659	105,462	X	128,263
Mar-07	3,620,476	1,993,102	691,007	171,430	224,556	201,340	107,932	X	132,035
Apr-07	3,725,389	2,072,797	725,871	173,517	232,639	199,643	115,512	X	125,819
May-07	3,645,418	2,030,472	689,745	169,124	230,892	208,393	104,430	X	124,632
Jun-07	3,629,285	2,041,842	688,848	161,891	230,095	204,601	110,988	X	133,858
Jul-07	3,652,896	2,030,073	654,584	162,787	229,116	205,621	137,172	X	131,688
Aug-07	3,624,116	1,976,666	636,373	163,450	223,871	202,055	124,749	X	121,819
Sep-07	3,424,439	1,874,644	597,857	166,781	209,352	173,605	84,232	X	126,602
Oct-07	3,516,801	1,923,338	612,516	166,888	216,145	193,422	123,637	X	125,516
Nov-07	3,434,054	1,877,393	634,641	176,047	213,189	183,934	125,886	X	123,738
Dec-07	3,387,044	1,822,063	612,034	155,361	203,393	173,818	112,277	X	116,324
Jan-08	3,373,795	1,842,058	579,702	143,795	209,633	191,524	134,352	X	111,312
Feb-08	3,353,508	1,788,926	557,465	148,922	203,322	164,934	130,303	X	112,250
Mar-08	3,395,380	1,821,981	572,847	154,894	194,151	178,879	136,291	X	112,903
Apr-08	3,370,918	1,809,329	563,205	143,533	208,576	182,425	128,203	X	115,749
May-08	3,442,256	1,835,125	596,780	148,576	209,768	170,207	121,559	X	113,420
Jun-08	3,379,355	1,858,794	596,100	155,780	229,697	176,328	128,418	X	103,523
Jul-08	3,386,153	1,824,266	580,758	157,690	221,857	170,826	127,433	X	105,928
Aug-08	3,314,202	1,811,712	575,932	151,282	213,603	171,397	123,871	X	104,938
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 27,015,567	t 14,592,191	t 4,622,789	t 1,204,472	t 1,690,607	t 1,406,520	t 1,030,430	X	t 880,023
% change	-7.4	-10.2	-16.5	-10.5	-4.3	-13.6	8.8	X	-15.2
Last 12 months	40,777,905	22,089,629	7,079,837	1,869,549	2,532,686	2,131,299	1,476,462	X	1,372,203
Previous 12	44,117,342	24,840,459	8,766,209	1,982,063	2,560,639	2,398,989	1,548,366	X	1,583,987
% change	-7.6	-11.1	-19.2	-5.7	-1.1	-11.2	-4.6	X	-13.4
% ch. year ago	-8.6	-8.3	-9.5	-7.4	-4.6	-15.2	-0.7	X	-13.9
% ch prev mnth	-2.1	-0.7	-0.8	-4.1	-3.7	0.3	-2.8	X	-0.9



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

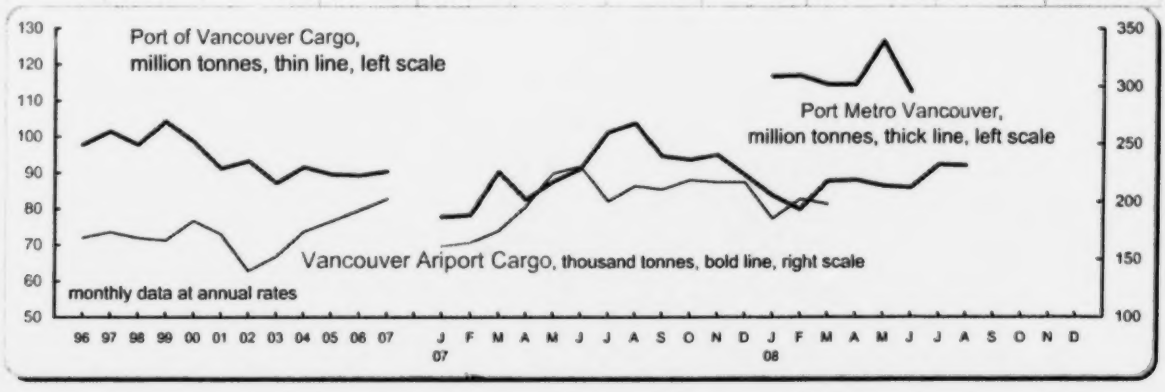
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Clothing	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
2004	17,148,262	4,789,874	1,099,673	5,833,611	879,431	-	-	-
2005	18,406,422	5,263,316	1,180,731	5,617,345	994,993	-	-	1,322,311
2006	18,859,991	5,687,332	1,187,006	5,691,753	977,716	-	-	1,438,320
2007	19,182,634	5,733,762	1,154,659	5,950,469	896,455	-	-	1,370,115
Jan-06	1,602,025	471,604	103,269	439,698	90,264	X	X	119,732
Feb-06	1,580,231	463,079	104,306	455,756	89,739	X	X	118,278
Mar-06	1,583,256	471,287	101,024	492,186	89,720	X	X	119,234
Apr-06	1,488,944	457,811	95,439	419,006	86,535	X	X	122,681
May-06	1,536,745	451,285	98,607	480,961	92,199	X	X	119,432
Jun-06	1,595,139	478,969	97,691	500,073	81,612	X	X	118,085
Jul-06	1,517,685	479,160	100,626	438,935	79,126	X	X	118,526
Aug-06	1,596,811	461,078	100,504	520,899	79,100	X	X	121,374
Sep-06	1,589,582	489,174	97,198	481,170	75,686	X	X	122,315
Oct-06	1,600,774	485,573	97,605	495,192	74,030	X	X	121,409
Nov-06	1,549,824	483,695	96,506	470,853	69,273	X	X	115,997
Dec-06	1,618,973	494,618	94,229	497,024	70,435	X	X	121,257
Jan-07	1,583,443	466,547	95,816	504,514	72,801	X	X	115,058
Feb-07	1,581,659	469,352	94,719	505,182	75,987	X	X	120,043
Mar-07	1,627,374	460,619	92,163	513,786	72,320	X	X	117,252
Apr-07	1,652,592	476,557	101,176	530,551	78,127	X	X	122,730
May-07	1,614,946	469,242	94,106	521,810	69,697	X	X	123,684
Jun-07	1,587,443	472,176	95,997	491,887	75,181	X	X	122,514
Jul-07	1,622,823	484,166	93,681	509,079	78,298	X	X	115,467
Aug-07	1,647,450	496,806	96,458	522,681	81,025	X	X	116,364
Sep-07	1,549,795	482,021	98,651	447,276	71,284	X	X	109,806
Oct-07	1,593,463	488,680	99,739	480,173	73,537	X	X	106,460
Nov-07	1,556,661	479,108	98,929	456,437	72,839	X	X	106,814
Dec-07	1,564,981	488,489	93,224	467,093	75,359	X	X	93,922
Jan-08	1,531,737	474,325	96,607	438,377	74,269	X	X	101,665
Feb-08	1,564,582	469,855	88,776	498,456	71,476	X	X	98,334
Mar-08	1,573,399	470,313	101,981	476,618	70,131	X	X	100,251
Apr-08	1,561,589	471,964	98,647	477,247	71,929	X	X	93,685
May-08	1,607,131	478,038	104,167	500,044	72,384	X	X	96,031
Jun-08	1,520,561	468,883	103,228	444,476	68,764	X	X	94,042
Jul-08	1,561,887	487,024	103,169	468,276	65,089	X	X	97,844
Aug-08	1,502,490	467,119	101,992	426,162	68,222	X	X	94,867
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 12,423,376	t 3,787,521	t 798,567	t 3,729,656	t 562,264	X	X	t 776,719
% change	-3.8	-0.2	4.5	-9.0	-6.8	X	X	-18.5
Last 12 months	18,688,276	5,725,819	1,189,110	5,580,635	855,283	X	X	1,193,721
Previous 12	19,276,883	5,748,525	1,149,654	6,043,729	892,860	X	X	1,434,090
% change	-3.1	-0.4	3.4	-7.7	-4.2	X	X	-16.8
% ch. year ago	-8.8	-6.0	5.7	-18.5	-15.8	X	X	-18.5
% ch prev mnth	-3.8	-4.1	-1.1	-9.0	4.8	X	X	-3.0



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments (new series)			Freight shipments (terminated series)					Passengers		
	Port Metro Vancouver			Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport		BC Ferries		Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled, incl. Fraser R.			Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Domestic	Total	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
2004	-	-	-	70,289	3,283	73,574	229,913	7,986	11,185	3,797	2,572
2005	-	-	-	72,909	3,573	76,480	223,678	8,348	11,088	3,794	2,620
2006	-	-	-	75,733	3,787	79,521	222,729	8,712	11,118	3,810	2,583
2007	-	-	-	78,495	4,316	82,710	226,233	9,017	10,844	3,860	2,712
Jan-06	-	-	-	5,083	360	5,443	16,514	624	591	222	107
Feb-06	-	-	-	5,931	259	6,190	15,825	616	578	219	107
Mar-06	-	-	-	6,237	267	6,503	18,711	706	781	284	162
Apr-06	-	-	-	6,042	299	6,341	17,546	650	869	309	207
May-06	-	-	-	6,182	350	6,532	18,005	744	944	319	238
Jun-06	-	-	-	6,844	310	7,154	18,859	778	1,007	342	251
Jul-06	-	-	-	6,049	420	6,469	20,163	882	1,431	440	375
Aug-06	-	-	-	6,490	355	6,846	21,433	926	1,563	485	405
Sep-06	-	-	-	6,970	337	7,308	18,777	753	1,027	356	278
Oct-06	-	-	-	7,201	318	7,519	18,890	715	873	311	221
Nov-06	-	-	-	6,044	214	6,258	19,444	616	650	240	107
Dec-06	-	-	-	6,660	298	6,958	18,562	704	804	283	127
Jan-07	-	-	-	5,440	363	5,803	15,569	652	588	223	99
Feb-07	-	-	-	5,591	290	5,881	15,691	624	590	227	116
Mar-07	-	-	-	5,810	346	6,156	18,800	715	799	291	180
Apr-07	-	-	-	6,371	345	6,716	16,801	698	858	277	214
May-07	-	-	-	7,189	393	7,482	18,098	763	969	333	247
Jun-07	-	-	-	7,266	376	7,642	19,015	790	1,038	354	266
Jul-07	-	-	-	6,454	384	6,838	21,673	878	1,426	448	385
Aug-07	-	-	-	6,812	379	7,191	22,322	945	1,575	491	436
Sep-07	-	-	-	6,757	355	7,112	19,953	787	1,051	368	279
Oct-07	-	-	-	6,931	399	7,329	19,689	757	842	305	209
Nov-07	-	-	-	6,927	353	7,280	20,035	675	691	261	138
Dec-07	-	-	-	6,947	333	7,280	18,567	732	417	282	145
Jan-08	6,430	3,303	9,733	6,010	337	6,437	17,113	711	578	221	106
Feb-08	6,964	2,782	9,746	6,610	279	6,889	16,104	710	611	234	86
Mar-08	6,815	2,722	9,537	6,404	364	6,769	18,131	775	861	304	194
Apr-08	6,588	2,956	9,544	-	-	-	18,237	737	749	284	172
May-08	7,653	2,885	10,538	-	-	-	17,806	819	984	336	254
Jun-08	6,761	2,619	9,380	-	-	-	17,686	849	1,035	357	269
Jul-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,337	903	1,350	427	364
Aug-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,273	971	1,525	466	434
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	910	324	214
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 41,211	t 17,267	t 58,478	t 19,024	t 980	t 20,095	t 143,687	t 6,475	t 8,603	t 2,953	t 2,093
% change	X	X	X	13.0	-1.9	12.6	-2.9	6.8	-3.3	-2.0	-5.8
Last 12 months	X	X	X	80,678	4,297	84,965	221,951	9,426	10,553	3,801	2,584
Previous 12	X	X	X	75,323	3,900	79,225	223,642	8,854	11,221	3,846	2,676
% change	X	X	X	7.1	10.2	7.2	-0.8	6.5	-6.0	-1.2	-3.4
% ch. year ago	X	X	X	10.2	5.2	10.0	-13.7	2.7	-13.4	-12.0	-23.3
% ch prev mnth	-11.6	-9.3	-11.0	-3.1	30.5	-1.7	-0.3	7.6	-40.3	-30.5	-50.8

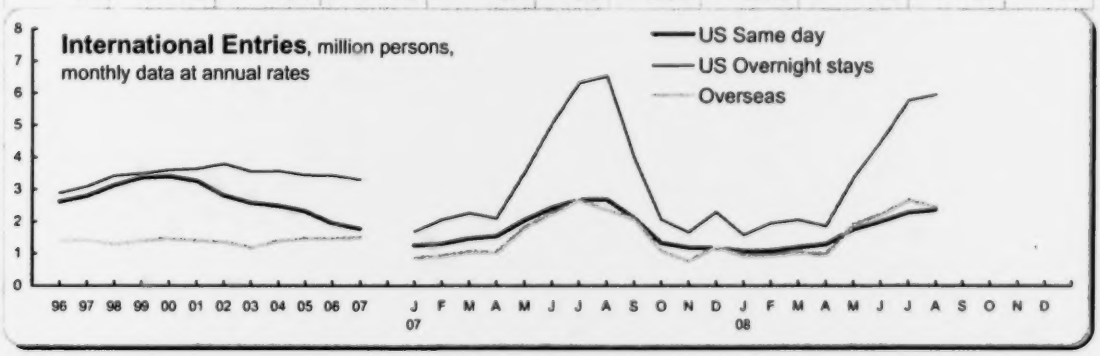


13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports.

Tourism Room Revenue, BC Stats.

	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
Period	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
2004	2,477,569	3,561,526	6,039,095	1,408,654	7,447,749	61.3	105,581	249,553	1,590,957	3,965	3,775
2005	2,314,469	3,436,486	5,750,955	1,473,833	7,224,788	63.9	69,539	201,250	1,688,343	4,106	3,965
2006	1,944,560	3,435,243	5,379,803	1,466,148	6,845,951	65.7	-	-	1,815,311	4,252	3,959
2007	1,767,316	3,294,668	5,061,984	1,514,842	6,576,826	66.8	-	-	1,967,920	4,361	4,117
Jan-06	127,859	142,673	270,532	70,231	340,763	48.5	-	-	143,446	308	302
Feb-06	119,286	167,892	287,178	70,310	357,488	58.7	-	-	142,199	303	257
Mar-06	136,143	191,110	327,253	83,001	410,254	64.8	-	-	145,480	353	307
Apr-06	142,975	198,141	341,116	92,424	433,540	63.1	-	-	147,303	317	301
May-06	175,788	288,661	464,449	145,865	610,314	71.3	-	-	152,692	346	323
Jun-06	214,726	420,400	635,126	180,342	815,468	75.9	-	-	153,645	386	369
Jul-06	239,676	578,616	818,292	214,860	1,033,152	80.1	-	-	154,335	473	428
Aug-06	230,598	552,662	783,260	192,688	975,948	81.9	-	-	151,563	477	439
Sep-06	190,350	361,695	552,045	164,381	716,426	76.0	-	-	152,442	363	366
Oct-06	135,441	176,542	311,983	92,799	404,782	64.2	-	-	156,906	297	312
Nov-06	108,013	144,965	252,978	63,441	316,419	54.8	-	-	159,299	279	255
Dec-06	123,705	211,886	335,591	95,806	431,397	48.9	-	-	156,002	352	302
Jan-07	104,451	140,370	244,821	72,476	317,297	50.6	-	-	161,540	344	305
Feb-07	108,332	171,121	279,453	77,576	357,029	60.4	-	-	160,087	308	275
Mar-07	122,661	188,022	310,683	89,056	399,739	66.4	-	-	163,464	374	325
Apr-07	128,439	174,366	302,805	86,819	389,624	64.4	-	-	162,951	326	297
May-07	170,490	293,394	463,884	151,933	615,817	72.2	-	-	162,311	353	330
Jun-07	202,566	422,098	624,664	188,776	813,440	75.7	-	-	162,382	398	374
Jul-07	223,240	527,212	750,452	223,537	973,989	79.8	-	-	162,713	464	445
Aug-07	224,297	543,941	768,238	197,376	965,614	83.0	-	-	163,659	485	458
Sep-07	175,709	332,421	508,130	172,091	680,221	77.3	-	-	164,794	365	381
Oct-07	110,833	171,923	282,756	89,706	372,462	66.2	-	-	167,327	297	318
Nov-07	98,349	138,313	236,662	64,615	301,277	56.1	-	-	167,046	295	277
Dec-07	97,949	191,487	289,436	100,881	390,317	49.3	-	-	169,648	352	333
Jan-08	89,694	131,402	221,096	78,298	299,394	51.4	-	-	171,164	352	358
Feb-08	90,048	162,169	252,217	79,385	331,602	62.1	-	-	167,178	345	307
Mar-08	99,526	170,212	269,738	85,890	355,628	63.5	-	-	166,875	394	359
Apr-08	107,152	154,367	261,519	81,625	343,144	64.9	-	-	166,934	337	327
May-08	146,022	279,154	425,176	159,336	584,512	71.0	-	-	166,279	374	351
Jun-08	166,392	372,989	539,381	185,345	724,726	75.9	-	-	168,851	405	387
Jul-08	189,966	481,236	671,202	222,941	894,143	77.3	-	-	-	465	431
Aug-08	197,103	496,597	693,700	205,456	899,156	81.2	-	-	-	484	438
Sep-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,085,903	t 2,248,126	t 3,334,029	t 1,098,276	t 4,432,305	a 68.4	t 69,539	t 201,250	t 1,007,281	t 3,155	t 2,958
% change	-15.5	-8.6	-11.0	1.0	-8.3	-0.9	-6.4	-1.1	3.6	3.4	5.3
Last 12 months	1,568,743	3,082,270	4,651,013	1,525,569	6,176,582	66.4	100,836	247,216	2,002,468	4,464	4,267
Previous 12	1,841,985	3,355,612	5,197,597	1,503,976	6,701,573	66.4	113,184	243,145	1,903,282	4,342	4,043
% change	-14.8	-8.1	-10.5	1.4	-7.8	0.0	-10.9	1.7	5.2	2.8	
% ch. year ago	-12.1	-8.7	-9.7	4.1	-6.9	-2.2	104.2	44.9	4.0	-0.2	-4.4
% ch prev mnth	3.8	3.2	3.4	-7.8	0.6	5.0	690.7	671.3	1.5	4.1	1.7



14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	CERI - C$ Effective Exch. Rate
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
2004	10,326.0	8,646.1	2.50	4.00	6.23	4.59	1.39	1.3013	94.12
2005	10,529.1	10,162.3	2.92	4.42	5.99	5.06	3.25	1.2114	100.97
2006	11,472.1	12,081.5	4.31	5.81	6.66	6.28	4.98	1.1343	107.88
2007	13,198.0	13,700.0	4.60	6.10	7.07	6.90	5.02	1.0740	113.13
Jan-06	10,864.9	11,945.6	3.75	5.25	6.30	5.80	4.26	1.1573	106.05
Feb-06	10,993.4	11,688.3	3.75	5.25	6.45	5.85	4.49	1.1489	107.11
Mar-06	11,109.3	12,110.6	4.00	5.50	6.45	6.05	4.70	1.1574	106.32
Apr-06	11,367.1	12,204.2	4.25	5.75	6.75	6.25	4.74	1.1438	107.38
May-06	11,168.3	11,744.5	4.50	6.00	6.75	6.25	5.01	1.1095	109.85
Jun-06	11,150.2	11,612.9	4.50	6.00	6.95	6.60	5.00	1.1138	109.84
Jul-06	11,185.7	11,831.0	4.50	6.00	6.95	6.60	5.24	1.1292	108.31
Aug-06	11,381.2	12,073.8	4.50	6.00	6.85	6.40	5.25	1.1183	109.05
Sep-06	11,679.1	11,761.3	4.50	6.00	6.70	6.40	5.27	1.1162	109.51
Oct-06	12,080.7	12,344.6	4.50	6.00	6.80	6.40	5.24	1.1286	108.39
Nov-06	12,221.9	12,752.4	4.50	6.00	6.55	6.40	5.26	1.1362	107.33
Dec-06	12,463.2	12,908.4	4.50	6.00	6.45	6.30	5.24	1.1530	105.36
Jan-07	12,621.7	13,034.1	4.50	6.00	6.65	6.50	5.27	1.1759	103.69
Feb-07	12,268.6	13,045.0	4.50	6.00	6.65	6.50	5.28	1.1707	104.06
Mar-07	12,354.3	13,165.5	4.50	6.00	6.49	6.40	5.26	1.1682	104.06
Apr-07	13,062.9	13,416.7	4.50	6.00	6.64	6.60	5.23	1.1343	106.88
May-07	13,627.6	14,056.8	4.50	6.00	7.14	6.85	5.28	1.0949	110.85
Jun-07	13,408.6	13,906.6	4.50	6.00	7.24	7.05	5.25	1.0652	114.05
Jul-07	13,212.0	13,868.6	4.75	6.25	7.24	7.05	5.26	1.0503	115.19
Aug-07	13,357.7	13,660.5	4.75	6.25	7.24	7.05	5.11	1.0582	114.36
Sep-07	13,895.6	14,098.9	4.75	6.25	7.19	7.05	4.78	1.0254	117.51
Oct-07	13,930.0	14,625.0	4.75	6.25	7.44	7.25	4.78	0.9752	123.33
Nov-07	13,371.7	13,689.1	4.75	6.25	7.39	7.20	4.53	0.9671	123.93
Dec-07	13,264.8	13,833.1	4.50	6.00	7.54	7.35	4.25	1.0031	119.67
Jan-08	12,650.4	13,155.1	4.25	5.75	7.39	7.35	3.50	1.0111	118.30
Feb-08	12,266.4	13,582.7	4.25	5.75	7.29	7.25	2.97	0.9991	119.44
Mar-08	12,262.9	13,350.1	3.75	5.25	7.19	7.15	2.18	1.0020	117.90
Apr-08	12,820.1	13,937.0	3.25	4.75	6.99	6.95	2.28	1.0139	116.50
May-08	12,638.3	14,714.7	3.25	4.75	6.65	6.15	2.07	0.9994	118.43
Jun-08	11,350.0	14,467.0	3.25	4.75	7.15	6.95	1.97	1.0167	116.46
Jul-08	11,378.0	13,592.9	3.25	4.75	7.15	6.95	2.08	1.0127	116.64
Aug-08	11,543.5	13,771.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	6.65	1.99	1.0544	113.03
Sep-08	10,850.7	11,752.9	3.25	4.75	6.85	6.65	1.54	1.0583	113.07
Oct-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 11,973.4	a 13,591.5	a 3.53	a 5.03	a 7.06	a 6.89	a 2.29	a 1.0186	a 116.64
% change	-8.5	0.1	-23.0	-17.4	1.6	1.6	-56.0	-7.8	6.0
Last 12 months	12,360.6	13,705.9	3.81	5.31	7.16	6.99	2.85	1.0094	118.06
Previous 12	12,881.2	13,354.8	4.56	6.06	6.86	6.68	5.21	1.1134	109.31
% change	-4.0	2.6	-16.4	-12.4	4.4	4.6	-45.3	-9.3	8.0
% ch. year ago	-21.9	-16.6	-31.6	-24.0	-4.7	-5.7	-67.8	3.2	-3.8
% ch prev mnth	-6.0	-14.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-22.6	0.4	0.0